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NOTE FOR CIRCULATION.

Sub: Foodsituation - Madras Province - Report for the second fortnight of October 1948 - Review.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies), Ref.No. E.143843/48, dated 11th November, 1948.

The report on the foodsituation in the Province for fortnight ending 31-10-1948 at pages 3-7 c.f. and the enclsures to it at pages 9-28 c.f. may be perused.

Weather conditions and crop prospects:- The rain-fall during the fortnight was heavy in the Districts of Nellore Chingleput, South Arcot, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Madura Ramnad, Tirunelveli, Malabar and the Nilgiris, moderate in the Districts of East Godavari, Guntur, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and South Kanara, fair in the Districts of Vizagapatam, West Godavari, Krishna, Kurnool, Bellary and Cuddapah and light in the Anantapur District.

Preparatory cultivation was delayed in Chingleput and Chittoor Districts and in parts of the Districts of Cuddapah, South Arcot and North Arcot. Sowing has been suspended in the Districts of Chingleput South Arcot and North Arcot and in parts of Anantapur and Cuddapah Districts and transplantation held up in the Districts of Antantapur, South Arcot Chittoor and North Arcot and in parts of the Cuddapah District for want of adequate water supply. Transplantation of paddy was proceeding in the Districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Kurnool, Bellary, South Arcot, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Madura, Tirunelveli, Malabar and South Kanara and in parts of Cuddapah and Nellore (Delta area) Districts. Sowing of dry crops was proceeding in the Districts of West Godavari, Bellary, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli and in parts of Kurnool District. Water supply was inadequate in the District of Anantapur, Nellore, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Ramnad and Malabar and in parts of the Districts of Guntur, Kurnool, Bellary, Cuddapah, Chingleput, Tiruchirapalli and Madura.

The condition of standing crops was generally fair in all the Districts except in Chingleput where it was poor. The paddy crop in parts of the Anantapur District was withering and large extends of it were affected by pests in the Uthiramerur sub-taluk of Kancheepuram taluk in Chingleput District. Cholam and groundnut crops were affected by pests in parts of the South Arcot District

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in the Districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Madura, Tirunelveli, and Malabar, of Cholam in the districts of East Godavari, Kurnool, Anantapur, North Arcot, Salem and Tiruchirapalli and and in parts of Guntur, Kurnool and Bellary Districts, of cumbu in the districts of East Godavari, Kurnool, Nellore, North Arcot Tiruchirapalli and in parts of Guntur, Kurnool and Bellary Districts and of ragi in the Districts of Anantapur, Nellore, North Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirapalli and the Nilgiris. The out-turn of paddy was fair to normal, of cholam and cumbu poor to fair and of ragi poor to normal

Stock and Supply Position: The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as follows on 30-10-1948 when compared with the stock position on 23-10-1948.

Foodgrains	Stock on 23-10-48	Stocks on 30-10-48
Rice	1,95,192	2,05,046

Foodgrains	Stock on 23-10-48	Stocks on 30-10-48
Wheat	8,674	9,892
Maida	3,561	3,397
Maize	8,355	7,424
Other grains	17,423	15,215

RICE:- The increase in the stock position was mainly due to improvement in local procurement consequent on the harvest of the short term crop in several districts of the Province. The stock position however continues to be unsatisfactory in the districts of Chingleput, Kurnool, Salem and the Nilgiris and Tirunelveli. Necessary steps have been taken to replenish stocks in these districts.

The Government of India have proposed to supply to this Province 13,000 tons of overseas rice during 1948 November.

Recently the Government of India allotted 2240 tons of rice from their Avadi Reserve to Madras under a via- Madras arrangement and asked this Government to supply an equal quantity to Travancore. This arrangement has since been cancelled and the following have been treated as direct allotment to this Province.

From Koraput	1,000 tons.
From the Central Reserves, Avadi.	1,240 tons.
	2,240 tons.

The following quantities were received during the fortnight:

From Orissa	3,884 tons.
From the Central ~~Reserves~~ Store, Avadi.	1,240 (Overseas rice)
	5,124

MILLETS AND MAIZE: A shipment of 1,000 tons of Australian millets was received at Tuticorin Port 24-10-1948. The entire quantity has been allotted to Madura District.

The Government of India have allotted 7,937 tons of overseas milo for this Province for November 1948. This is expected on 19-11-48 at Tuticorin Port.

WHEAT AND WHEAT PRODUCTS: 5,000 tons of wheat were received during the fortnight. There was no receipt of wheat products.

PROGRESS OF PROCUREMENT: A quantity of 38,560 tons of rice was procured in the surplus Districts and in the Districts of the Nilgiris and Malabar during the fortnight ended 15-10-48 as against 16,685 tons procured in the proceeding ~~fortnight~~ night. There was thus a marked improvement in procurement during the fortnight. Procurement was satisfactory in the Malabar District, fair in Tanjore Districts and poor in the other districts except Guntur where it registered only a slight increase.

PRICES: Statements relating to prices of foodgrains, firewood salt, edible oilseeds, oils and oilcakes may be perused at pages 9-28 c.f.

The case may be circulated to H.M.(Food), H.M.(PW), and H.E. for perusal.

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H.M.(Food) Sd. x x x
25-11-48

H.M(P.W) sd. x x x
19-11-48

P.T.O.

Private Secretary to Governor: H.E. has seen, thanks.
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22-11-48

To Ø.A.S.

The file may now be sent to P.W.(I & P), for perusal and return.

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To A.S.

The papers may now be recorded.

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